

## OXFORD HOUSES\_

Missouri's Oxford House program is a private, not-for-profit, effort to provide "good houses in good neighborhoods" for people recovering from alcoholism and/or other drug dependence. In addition to safe, substance-free living, Oxford Houses also provide important psychological supports, such as fellowship and opportunities to enhance self-reliance and self-respect.

Begun by a group of recovering persons in Silver Spring, Maryland, in 1975, the Oxford House concept has grown into a national movement. Each Oxford House is a separate, self-sustaining, resident-managed, independent entity, closely aligned with Alcoholics/Narcotics Anonymous. The Oxford House program has become an important adjunct to America's alcohol/drug abuse remedial effort.

## **▼** How Oxford Houses Work

Oxford Houses are operational in several Missouri communities. Each serves one of the following populations:

- Men
- Women
- Women with children

Oxford House residents must have at least 30 days of sobriety and be financially able to pay their share of house upkeep.

The federal Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988 stipulates that each state must create a \$100,000 revolving fund which allows start-up loans to groups endeavoring to establish residential facilities for recovering persons. Missouri's revolving fund is managed by the Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

Additional information on Oxford Houses is available from your Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse regional office.

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